under compulsory licensing to ensure that the provisions of the existing Drug Policy 1986 are incorporated while giving approval for manufacture of drugs. This has been done pending the review of the Drug Policy which is expected to be finalised soon.

Subsidy dues of the fertilier industry

738. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the accumulated subsidy dues of the fertilizer industry in the country at the end of 1991 and at the end of March, 1992;

(b) what are the reasons for accumulation of subsidy dues;

(c) what is its overall impact on the performance of the fertilizer industry; and

(d) what remedial steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The accumulated outstanding subsidy dues as per the claims submitted by the fertilizer units were Rs. 461.50 crores at the end of December, 1991 and Rs. 124.18 crores at the end of March, 1992.

(b) The dues were outstanding at the end of December, 1992 due to constraint of funds and non-submssion of some essential documents by the units. The dues were outstanding at the end of March, 1992 due to constraint of funds.

(c) The delay in release of subsidy affected the liquidity position of the concerned units.

(d) Within the available budgetary allocations, efforts are continuously made to clear the subsidy dues as expeditiously as possible.

Retrieving the Fertilizer Corporation of India

739. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) steps being taken or propose to be taken by Government to retrieve "The Fertilizer Corporation of India", from its chronical sickness;

(b) the loss incurred by corporation during 1986-87 to 1991-92;

(c) the total strength of labourers and total number of officials;

(d) the annual value of production of the Corporation (yearwise figures) from 1986-87 to 1991-92; and

(e) how the coal based Ramo Gund and Talcher units are functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI) have submitted detailed proposals regarding rehabilitation/revamp of their various units including financial restructuring. The final outcome of these proposals would, however, depend on their financial and technical viability, allocation of the funds through budgetary sources, as also deliberations of the Tripartite Committee on Chemicals Industry. The company has also referred their case to BIFR. The company hss been given extra allowance in consumption norms and capacity utilisation in respect of its Ramagundam and Talcher units in view of the vintage of these plants. The company is also being paid its subsidy dues regularly.

(b) The year-wise loss incurred by the Corporation during 1986-87 to 1991-92 is as follows :—

Year	Profit(+)/Loss(—) (Rs. in crores)
1986-87	(—)105·91
1987-88	(—)115·41
1988-89	(—)168·90
1989-90	(—)163·90
1990-91	(—)167·89
1991-92 (Prov.)	(—)179·77

(c) The total strength of labourer and officials as on 30·6·92 is as follows:-

Labourers	6849
Officers	2727
TOTAL	9576

(d) The yearwise annual value of production from 1986 87 to 1991-92 is as follows : -

Year	Value of production (Rs. in crores)
1986-87	385·86
1987-88	373·06
1988-89	344·66
1989-90	394·59
1990-91	290·92
1991-92	301·04

(e) The capacity utilsation of these plants has been very low on account of prolonged power cuts and frequent power interruptions, poor quality of coal and equipment design deficiencies. The problem has been further accentuated by acute shortage of funds.

Guidelines for payment of compensation to Bhopal Gas Victims

740. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued new guidelines for payment of compenstion to the Bhopal gas trgedy victims;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefore; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that more than five lakh people would be deprived of the compenstion benefit when the new guidelines are implemented:

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) Para 11(2) of the Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster (Registration and Processing of Claims) Scheme, 1985 provides that the Central Government may determine the total amount of compensation to be apportioned payable for each category of claims and the quantum of compensation payable, in general, in relation to each type of inquiry or loss. Government of India has constituted a Group of Ministers, including a Minister from Government of Madhya Pradesh to oversee all Bhopal gas leak disaster related matters. The Group of Ministers had decided that broad indicative guidelines should be framed and issued.